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VESTRY CHANGES FEW THIS YEAR

Episcopal Churches Elect Members of Board Who Served Before.

With few exceptions, vestrymen were elected yesterday by the congregations of the Episcopal churches of Richmond. There were few changes, and most of those which were made were brought about through vacancies created by the death of some member.

On account of special services this week, the congregational meeting of the members of Grace Church was postponed until next Monday night.

Among those which elected vestries were the following churches:

All Saints—Rev. J. J. Downman, rector. Vestry—P. H. Mayo, John R. Cary, John Tyler, Joseph N. Boyd, M. S. Valentine, Jr., Thomas N. Carter, John Dunn, Hugh M. Taylor, S. W. Travers, Thomas L. Moore, Ode M. Alford and T. S. Valentine.

St. James—Rev. William Meade Clark, D. D., rector. Vestry—E. B. Addison, Boswell Alsop, James R. Gordon, James Caskie, W. L. Gray, O. H. Funtun, Murray M. Gibson, S. W. Travers, Preston Cooke, W. Minor Woodward and S. G. Wallace.

Emmanuel—Rev. R. E. Osgood, rector. Vestry—T. Crawford, John Stewart, Bryan, Harry G. Beattie, Thomas P. Bryan, C. C. Pinckney, Robert N. Cross, John D. Ladd, Henry T. Meloney, Augustus Mordecai, Frank W. Nelson, Charles P. Friend and Robert A. Ladd.

St. Paul's—Rev. rector. Vestry—R. Stan, Wellford, Dr. George Ross, William C. Bentley, Charles Davenport, Judge R. Carter Scott, Judge Beverly T. Crump, Cunningham Hall, John R. Young, Frederick W. Scott, W. Frank Powers and E. Randolph Williams.

Epiphany—Rev. George P. Craighead, rector. Vestry—Thomas E. Ruffin, Garland B. Taylor, Thomas Armstrong, E. D. Smart, George W. Bright, Charles A. Nesbitt, H. T. Ingalls, E. D. Redd, W. H. Leagerman, H. W. Whitlock and T. W. Luck.

Mende Memorial—Rev. rector. Vestry—E. J. W. Smith, George Paul, W. W. Friend, P. C. Zylstra, D. A. Prentiss and E. E. Early.

Holy Trinity—Rev. J. J. Gravatt, rector. Vestry—Thomas Atkinson, James M. Ball, P. H. Baskerville, E. A. Baughman, J. Sidney Davenport, Jr., John S. Glenn, John W. Gordon, John B. Minor, W. Bryden Tennant and A. P. Wilmer.

St. Mark's—Rev. S. Roger Tyler, rector. Vestry—Stephen Beveridge, Frank Beveridge, W. S. Snyder, W. T. Tyner, Dr. W. W. Latimer, J. L. Epps, J. L. Patterson, Powell Chan, W. Warren, Kratz, Ezekiel Harris, Emmet Harris and J. L. Hartz.

Monumental—Rev. James W. Morris, rector. Vestry—W. R. Yarbrough, Richard H. Meade, John M. Taylor, Lewis C. Williams, Ben R. Valentine, Walter Christian, George W. Warren, Powhatan Breeden, Charles H. Watkins and John L. Williams.

St. John's—Rev. R. A. Goodwin, rector. Vestry—Captain John F. Mayer, S. G. Craigie, M. T. Mussen, S. B. Frischkorn, J. L. Day, H. B. Taylor, J. L. Williams, W. J. Williams, Charles I. Robinson, George W. Tuck, Joseph L. Gregory, George W. Woodall, Charles H. Burton and Simon C. Mills.

St. Andrew's—Rev. Thomas Semmes, rector. Vestry—J. B. Benford, P. E. Scott, C. E. Shenker, C. J. Newell, C. W. Anderson, W. B. Smith, E. V. Palmer, E. O. Traylor, P. M. Henley, J. H. Dickerson, A. M. May and J. H. Evans.

ACTION DISMISSED

Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works Denies Partnership.

In the case of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, Inc., against the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works Company, Inc., incorporated, and John D. Campbell, and Campbell, trading as the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, and against the same as partners trading as John D. Campbell, the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works filed a plea in the law and equity court yesterday, denying the partnership.

The partnership was entered on the plea in favor of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, the action being dismissed as to that corporation, and the case continued generally as to John D. Campbell.

Qualifications in Chancery. Mrs. Maude J. Blankenship qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as executor of the will of A. D. Blankenship. The estate is valued at \$25,000.

Howe & Anderson, of York county, qualified to practice in the Chancery Court.

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RICHMOND EAGER TO GET PLATTER

Check-Flasher, However, Must Stand Trial First in New York for Grand Larceny.

R. C. Platter, the genteel, smooth-faced check flasher, recently arrested in Michigan, was positively identified yesterday by means of a photograph at the R. A. Patterson Tobacco Factory, where he used his smiles some days ago to secure \$200 on worthless paper. A warrant for his arrest and trial in Richmond will be sworn out, but there is little chance that he will be brought here until some months, perhaps some years, have elapsed.

Platter is said to have been in New York, and the New York authorities have the first crack at him. It seems, however, that Richmond is the next in turn, and Platter may yet grace again the hostilities of this city, more probably, though, as a guest of City Sergeant John L. Satterfield, whose hospitality is so widely known.

Platter, from all accounts, was one of the smoothest check flashers who ever worked upon a gullible public. One of his tricks was to tell stories, anecdotes, and tales from real life. Before his audience he would launch his humor, and turn the joke on some member, and departed much the richer for his audacity.

Platter was arrested in New York, and was immediately identified. Then the detective telegraphed the authorities of Battle Creek, Mich., where he was arrested, asking them to hold him until papers could be sent. But the New York authorities were first, because New York victims were the first on his trail. Every effort will be made, however, to have him returned to Richmond for trial.

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MUCH WORK DONE BY COMMITTEES

Burton Investigating Body Completes and Files Sealed Report.

STREETS FAILS OF QUORUM

City Aid Extended to Child Welfare and Labor Conventions.

Eight of the nine meetings scheduled at the City Hall last night were held. The ninth, that of the Committee on Streets, probably the most important of all, failed of a quorum, although most of the members were in the building, some in attendance on other committees, and others in conference with constituents in the lobbies. After waiting until 8:30 o'clock Chairman Adams announced an adjournment to Thursday night at 8 o'clock, and stated that if there were not a quorum present by 8:15 he would again adjourn the meeting. A large number of vouchers for payments to contractors, the pay roll of the department, and a number of bids for street work, are held up pending a meeting of the committee.

The subcommittee charged with the duty of investigating the charges against the Police Department, brought by Contractor C. W. Burton, held a brief meeting and completed its report. It was sealed and placed in the hands of the clerk of the Committee on Streets. Chairman Vanderhorst will make the report public in advance of its transmission to the committee, and it will be presented on Thursday night.

Preparing for Conventions. The Committee on Advertising the Recession of the City heard a statement from R. H. Black, secretary in regard to a meeting of the State Federation of Labor to be held in Richmond in June, when about 250 delegates, representing organized labor from the various cities of the State, will be in the city.

The State Federation of Labor met last year in Portsmouth, and has not met in Richmond for eight years. The committee decided to appropriate \$300 to aid in the entertainment of the visiting delegates. Dr. Frank M. Meade presented the claims of the Child Welfare Conference to be held in Richmond next month, under the auspices of the State Conference of Charities and Correction, and an appropriation of \$500 was made for entertainment of the body.

Chairman Peters was authorized to appoint a delegate to represent the city at a meeting of the American Waterways Convention, which meets in Rochester, N. Y., in June, and to invite that body to Richmond for 1917. Mr. Peters announced the appointment of Captain Morgan R. Mills, chairman of the Council Committee on Water. The Chamber of Commerce and other bodies will co-operate in an effort to secure the convention.

Salary Increases. The Committee on Street Cleaning recommended an increase in the pay of the clerk and assistant superintendent of the department, each from \$900 to \$1,200 per year. The claim of John Dyer for time lost on account of injury received while at work was recommended to the Council for payment, as was the claim of William P. Harmon, of 311 Green Street.

In the latter case Mr. Patram, of the committee, protested that according to the record Mr. Harmon had been injured on January 17 by a blow from a barrel, and had not made any complaint until February 17, a month later, when a sore developed in his arm, incapacitating him from work for some time. Mr. Patram suggested that it was dangerous precedent to allow payment of money for time lost when this course were adopted sickness and accidents would increase in the department. Messrs. Bennett and Unluah said they could personally vouch for Mr. Harmon, and the claim was recommended for payment.

The Committee on Markets and the Committee on Cemeteries each held brief sessions, approving pay rolls and transacting only routine business.

College Women Don't Marry. A straw on the effect of higher education on women was mentioned by Dr. Jarman, who said that but a small percentage of college graduates marry. During the nine years he has been with the school about 550 girls have graduated, and of these about 80 per cent. are still serving the State as teachers. Only about 10 per cent. have married and have homes. Dr. Jarman deplored this.

All of the educators who spoke endorsed the mill tax proposition as providing a stable means for the support of the institutions, and obviating the necessity of lobbying for appropriations at each session of the General Assembly. However, some of them wanted more money than suggested in the table drawn up by Secretary Maphis, which was merely suggestive.

Schools Represented. General E. N. Wharton presented the Virginia Military Institute, President Paul B. Barringer the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Professor John W. Ritchie, William and Mary College, Dr. A. Alderman, the University of Virginia, and President Jarman, Burrows and Russell the three female normal schools.

Many suggestions were made as to joining forces and co-ordinating various lines of effort, but when all was said it was the opinion of the commission that there is much less educational waste and duplication in Virginia than has been generally believed. There is, however, a big task ahead of the commission.

All members of the commission were as follows: Dr. E. Alderman, University of Virginia, chairman; Dr. J. L. Jarman, Farmville; Dr. Charles M. Hazen, Chesterfield; Senator John R. Saunders, Middlesex; Speaker R. E. Byrd, Winchester; Dr. W. W. Smith, Randolph-Macon, and State Superintendent J. K. Egleston, Jr. with Secretary C. G. Maphis, of Charlottesville.

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WOMAN'S COLLEGE NOT CONSIDERED

Educational Commission Postpones Further Action Until May.

COLLEGE GIRLS DON'T MARRY

Most of Them Stay in Profession—Byrd Wants Three R's Taught in Schools.

Without reaching a consideration of the proposition to establish a co-ordinating woman's college at the University of Virginia, the Virginia Educational Commission adjourned last night, after an all-day session at the Capitol, to meet again on May 26. Probably at that time the matter of the woman's college will be taken up, in accordance with the instructions of the last Legislature.

The college was spent in hearing from representatives of the various State schools on two topics—the general proposition of the mill tax for the support of public schools of all grades and its relation to the particular institution, and the desirable amount of co-ordinating, which should exist between all those schools supported as a whole or in part from the public treasury.

Change at Old College. Perhaps the most interesting problem before the commission was that of the status of William and Mary College. It was very evident that this institution in all respects does not measure up to the position which at least some of the members of the commission think it should occupy. For example, President E. Alderman, the University of Virginia, commented on the anomalous position of William and Mary, with both normal and academic departments granting degrees, saying that he knew of no other State in the Union having two institutions offering courses leading to the master's and doctor's degrees.

It may be surmised that the Educational Commission will recommend to the Legislature that William and Mary be hereafter conducted purely as an institution for the instruction of men in the profession of teaching, and that the academic department, such as the abandoned. There was some comment on the fact that there are but three or four teachers at the college who give instruction in what the State supports the school for—a normal training college for young men.

To the objection that the abolition of the academic department would cost the college half of its students, the answer made by some members of the commission is that with a stronger course the normal students would be greatly increased, and that William and Mary, the second oldest college in the United States, would be able to train men to fill the great demand for male principals for high schools and for division school superintendents.

Three R's Taught. The proceedings were continued by the demand of Speaker R. E. Byrd, of the House of Delegates, for more training in the schools in essential. He said he wished the normal schools would teach young women how to spell and something of the meaning of words, instead of indulging in the various kinds of arts. He thought a little instruction in the dictionary might be for the good of the young people whom the State is supposed to be training to teach others.

Dr. J. L. Jarman, of the State Female Normal School, Farmville, in reply to this, told of the special efforts made to teach spelling, saying that some members of his senior class are obliged to be members of the special class in spelling. Dr. Julian A. Burrows, of the Harrisonburg School, said he was entirely innocent of such flagrant violation of the law. She said she was only singing some lullaby about "Mr. Cuckoo, what you get your money in the station she changed her song to a minor key, and put on the soft pedal that goes with soba.

Dr. Sloan Qualifies. Dr. Julian W. Sloan qualified yesterday before City Clerk Ben T. August as district physician for District No. 6. He will enter into the discharge of the duties of the position at once, succeeding Dr. Edward McCarthy, resigned.

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ALL THE EAST END IS ILLUMINATED

Church Hill First to Receive Benefit of Municipal Power Plant.

OLD LIGHTS SOON TO GO OUT

City East of Fourteenth Street Served From Its Own Power House.

In charge of completion of the electric plant wiring, on the contract let by Storins & Co., reported to the Committee on Electricity last night that excellent progress was being made—that lights had been placed, tested and lighted in all of the east of Fourteenth Street, all of which was served last night for the first time from the municipal plant. The Virginia Railway and Power Company was notified yesterday to discontinue service on several circuits on Church Hill and others will be cut out from day to day as the work on the city plant progresses. Mr. Trafford said that his force was working from east to west, lighting hanging lamps and cutting them in, and that when work on the north shore was completed the same force would be put to work in South Richmond, erecting poles and stringing lines for the street lighting system there. Several members of the committee spoke favorably of the brilliancy and appearance of the new lamps, which, besides being of new equipment, are of increased candle power.

Pay Rolls Not Audited. For a time last night it looked as though the force at the electric plant would have to go without pay for this month, though the difficulty was finally straightened out. The pay roll had not been made up until late in the afternoon, and owing to lack of time properly to look into the items, Mr. Bowman, who acts as auditor for the committee, refused to approve it.

Chairman Lynch finally consented to endorse a motion to approve the pay rolls when properly audited, but announced that in the future he would not consent to such irregularities; the bills and pay rolls must be in proper form before the committee meets, or they will not be paid. It was agreed that the work be made up a day sooner hereafter.

New System of Telephone Wiring. On recommendation of City Electrician Thompson, the plan of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for interior block distribution of telephone wires was approved. The system will be gradually installed in the business section, as in other cities it has been found to be satisfactory. Large cables of wires running directly to the larger business buildings, in which there are many telephone exchanges, will obviate the danger of interruption of service in time of storm, and allowing the removal of the large distribution poles, which now stand in alleys and on cross streets, and which mark the transition from underground to open wire.

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Arrest Five Merchants. Five merchants of the eastern part of the city were arrested last night on a charge of having violated the State laws on Sunday. They are W. O. Ennis, R. E. Edwards, H. P. Nicholas, B. F. Lewis, George W. Wild, C. Jackson and Sam Rosenberg.

Colored Man Drowned. A colored man was drowned yesterday afternoon in the James River. The body was recovered. Thomas lived at 2608 Belvidere Street.

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the Hustings Court to the following: Mack Gibson, of Caroline county, and Verne T. Haaker; Clyde H. Childers and Bertha M. Trexler, and R. Charles Bush and Emma Beasley.

Light Committee Opens Bids for Gas Works' Fuel and Supplies. Contracts for coal to supply the City Gas Works were last night awarded to the Atlantic States Coal Company by the Committee on Light. The bids were \$2.43 for gas coal and \$2.60 for steam coal. There were two other bidders, the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal and Coke Company and the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company, which bid, respectively, \$2.44 and \$2.49 on gas coal and submitted the same price on the other item as the Atlantic States Coal Company.

The subcommittee appointed to open the bids recommended that the contracts go to the lowest bidder, though there was some talk of awarding the steam coal to the company whose analysis showed the highest percentage of heat units.

The contracts cover the coal needs of the department for the beginning of May. It is estimated that the Gas Works will use in that time about 35,000 tons, which will cost about \$100,000. The appropriation for this item is \$105,000.

Renewals of contracts for benches for nine coal gas retorts were awarded to the J. H. Gantler Company of New York, the lowest bidders, at \$5,622, and the contract for gas meters went to the Standard Meter Company, of Philadelphia. It is estimated that new meters for the ensuing year will amount to about \$3,000. The bid for gas trenches was 40 cents per square yard. Several bids for the work and supplies were thrown out because they did not come up to specifications or were not accompanied by certified checks.

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